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Karen Mouritsen
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
Eastern States Office
20 M Street SE, Suite 950
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned March 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe, Noble, and Washington Counties, Ohio (DOI-BLM-Eastern States-0030-2016-0002-EA) ("EA"), pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3. I formally protest the inclusion of each of the 21 parcels, covering 1,186 acres in the Wayne National Forest's Marietta Unit in Monroe County, Ohio:

Parcel #: ES-001-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058226 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-002-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058227 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-003-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058228 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-004-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058229 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-005-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058230 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-006-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058231 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-007-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058232 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-008-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058233 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-009-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058234 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-010-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058235 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-011-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058236 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-012-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058237 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-015-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058240 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-018-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058243 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-020-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058249 ACQ

Parcel #: ES-022-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058251 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-023-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058252 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-025-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058254 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-026-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058255 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-027-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058256 ACQ
Parcel #: ES-028-03/2017	BLM Serial #: OHES 058257 ACQ

PROTEST

• **Protesting Party:** *Lynn Cady, 181 Smith Drive, Marietta Ohio 45750*

As a resident of Washington County, Ohio, and as a landowner whose land abuts the Little Muskingum River, and as a person who uses the Wayne National Forest for recreational purposes, I protest the leasing of the parcels listed above.

II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below. There has been no meaningful environmental assessment done that takes into account the potential damage from relatively new techniques such as hydraulic fracturing. This is incredibly irresponsible, as extensive environmental damage has been documented Pennsylvania and other states. Negative effects on air and water quality, noise pollution, chemical spills, decreasing property values, road damage due to truck traffic are just a few of the well-documented problems that local residents will face.

Lynn Cady